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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR WELLS

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SUBJ: UN RESTRUCTURING: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. AS YOU KNOW, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING AT US INITIATIVE EVOLVED A "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" FORMAT IN ORDER TO PUT TOGETHER A RESTRUCTURED MODEL WHICH COULD BE THEN PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION. IT WAS CLEARLY AND FIRMLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THERETO THAT NO PART OF THIS MODEL, TO BE THE SUBJECT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S FOURTH DRAFT TEXT, WOULD BE BINDING ON INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNMENTS. THIS TACTIC WAS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACKWARD PROCESS WHICH HAD HAMPERED THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR 18 MONTHS.

2. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE RATHER DELICATE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN REMONING BRACKETS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S TEXT THEN UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHILE USDEL SAT THROUGH ALL SESSIONS, WE DOUBTED THAT DADZIE, WHO IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE ILO CONFERENCE, WOULD BE ABLE TO TURN OUT A
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DRAFT FROM HIS EXTENSIVE NOTES EARLY ON.

3. IT WAS THEREFORE OUR THOUGHT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH HIM EARLY AND TO GAIN A RATHER PRECISE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTENT OF HIS UPCOMING TEXT SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND USUN COULD HAVE THE LEAD TIME NECESSARY TO TAKE DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO RESTRUCTURING. (FYI: AT NOT TIME DID KITCHEN AND

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I INTEND TO "ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN'S CONSOLIDATED TEXT.") FIRST DECISION WOULD INVOLVE AND OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE TEXT WHICH DADZIE HAS PROMISED KITCHEN TO TRY AND COMPLETE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. THE SECOND SERIES OF DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO DO WITH OUR ULTIMATE REACTION TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 6-9 WILL RECOMMEND TO THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEX NATURE OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AN INFORMAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM WILL BE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE USG.

4. DURING OUR FIRST FOUR DAYS HERE, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A NUMBER AND VARIETY OF DELEGATIONS INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING (FINLAND, SWEDEN, DENMARK, GUYANA, SUDAN, UK, NETHERLANDS, KENYA, AND BRAZIL). FROM THESE INFORMAL CONTACTS, TWO ELEMENTS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN EMERGED. FIRSTLY, MOST OF THE REGIONAL DONORS WISH TO HAVE A RESTRUCTURED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM AND FEEL THAT THE PRESENT MOMENTUM WILL SAG IN THE ABSENCE OF FIRM, DETERMINED US LEADERSHIP. SECONDLY, THE FRENCH ARE METHODICALLY ENGAGED IN A HIGH LEVEL CAMPAIGN WHOSE SOLE PREOCCUPATION IS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE UNDER SECRE-TARY GENERAL POST IN THE ESA DEPARTMENT. THIS INITIATIVE DONE WITH OUT CONSULTAION WITH THE EC-9 AND OTHER FRIENDLIES STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF BACKFIRING. INDEED SOME DELEGATIONS BY VIRTUE OF THE PERSISTENT HIGH-LEVEL FRENCH INITIATIVE AND FRENCH PARSIMONY WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD DISQUALIFY THE FRENCH OF A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP AND SECRETARIAT MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA WHICH CONTROLS THE LION'S SHARE OF UN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL.
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5. CHAIRMAN DODZIE HOPES TO COMMENCE HIS PRELIMINARY DRAFT ON A NEW TEXT EMBRACING SECTIONS 3-8 THIS WEEKEND. AT THE SAME TIME, DOUGLAS SANDERS (JAMAICA) IS UNDERTAKING TO DEVELOP A TEXT COVERING SECTION 2 (THE ROLE OF ECOSOC) AT NEW YORK IN CONSOLI-DATION WITH THE SO-CALLED FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN. THIS FACT IS KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND TO RIEMER AT USUN WHO WILL IN DUE COURSE BE CONSULTED BY SANDERS AS HIS WORK PROCEEDS.

6. IN PREDEPARTURE CONVERSATIONS WITH JOHN FOX, WE AGREED THAT IN NO CASE WOULD OUR DISCUSSIONS EXCEED THE POSITIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 98429. EVEN THERE, THE WORKING FORMAT NOW OPERATIVE REQUIRES NO ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH WILL ONLY EMERGE IN FINAL FORM DURING ITS SEPT 6-9 SESSION.
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